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**From:** Moses, Althea  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 9:26 AM  
**To:** Valluri, Rabin  
**Cc:** Singletary, DeAndre; Houston, Pamela  
**Subject:** FW: Hurricane Response Availability  
**Attachments:** Med\_Monitoring\_and\_Training\_Requirements\_Before\_Deployment\_09112017\_V4\_U....docx

Rabi –

The health and safety folks are not flexible in allowing you to conclude your training early.

Per their response to my request – *“Rabin Valluri should stay in class and finish the session. Without the full session, he wouldn't be eligible for deployment. My understanding from SUPR is that another round of deployments is scheduled in two weeks. That will give Rabin time to get his medical screening and vaccinations (if needed) next week at FOH. By completing the class this week and getting medical next week, he should be ready to go. He will also need a pair of boots if he doesn't have them already. I've attached the requirements for reference. CIC work falls in the orange column. ”*

Please complete the course today. Begin taking the steps necessary to be ready for the next round of deployments.

Thanks,

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**From:** Valluri, Rabin  
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**To:** Moses, Althea  
**Cc:** Singletary, DeAndre ; Augustine, Troi ; Houston, Pamela  
**Subject:** RE: Hurricane Response Availability

Hi Althea,

Thanks for getting things in motion. After looking at home last night I realized I do not have the approved steel toe boots I thought I did, but those should be easy enough to acquire. I haven't received the medical monitoring contact info quite yet, but is there anything I should do on my end in the mean time?

Thanks,  
Rabi

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**Subject:** Re: Hurricane Response Availability

Rabi,

Thanks for your response.

I am requesting approval for you to leave training early to report to medical monitoring.

The contact information for medical monitoring will be sent to you. Please call first thing and make an appointment to go over and get any necessary vaccinations as well as complete medical monitoring.

If cleared you will need to go to the REOC and work with Debbie Bishop to coordinate your travel.

I am CC'ing Pam on this note as she had to run the same gauntlet that I'm sending you on, and may have some advice.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Althea

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 20, 2017, at 3:13 PM, Valluri, Rabin <[Valluri.Rabin@epa.gov](mailto:Valluri.Rabin@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Althea,

First answer – I am ready and available to leave whenever need be. This being my first deployment I may need some guidance on the administrative end as far as paperwork and travel arrangement goes, but I don't have any pressing engagements that would prevent me from leaving ASAP.

Second answer – I'm set on boots and shots. I'm not 100% sure what medical monitoring entails but I'm in good health and if I need any medical paperwork from my doctor I should be able to collect that pretty quickly.

Keep me posted on next steps.

Thanks,  
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**From:** Moses, Althea  
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**Subject:** Hurricane Response Availability

Ladies and Gentleman –

I have received a call from Superfund requesting community liaisons for Houston ASAP!

The request is for anyone who is available to leave Thursday or Friday. Some are leaving the region today.

Up front, I am apologizing for the quick turn around – up until late last night the request was for technical staff. From what I've been told the decision was made late yesterday and the request is for staff who can be ready now.

First question – are you available to go?

Second question – do you need shots, medical monitoring, and equipment (boots, etc.)?

24 H&S status – For those of you in class, I will be speaking to Roy after class regarding any flexibility on his part.

Please answer these questions for me to the best of your ability today.

NOTE: If you are not available to go now – please let me know if you may be available over the coming weeks. I am going to work with our team to get us all in the ready category so that we are more prepared to answer the short turn around calls for assistance.

I look forward to hearing from each of you.

Thanks,

## Althea

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### Pre-Deployment Medical Monitoring/Health and Safety Training Requirements (09/11/2017, Version #4, Updated Final)

This guidance table was created to assist the National and Regional Incident Coordinating Team (NICT/RICT) with personnel deployment rosters for large scale natural disasters. Personnel being considered for deployment should meet these requirements prior to mobilizing. The NICT and RICT should attempt to deploy personnel who are already enrolled in the Occupational Medical Surveillance Program to field locations and/or disaster declared counties where there is a potential exposure to hazardous substances and materials or there will be routine physical demanding work. Contact your Regional Safety, Health and Environmental Program Manager (SHEMP) or Emergency Response Health and Safety Program Contact (HSPC) for additional details.

		Deployed to a <b>Regional Office</b> or <b>Un-impacted</b> <b>Location</b> for <b>Non-Field Work</b>	Deployed to an <b>Impacted Location</b> and/or <b>Declared</b> <b>Counties</b> for <b>Non-</b> <b>Field Work</b>	Deployed for <b>Field</b> <b>Work w/ Respirator</b> <b>Use</b> at a <b>HAZWOPER/CERCLA</b> <b>Regulated Sites</b>	Deployed to <b>Field</b> <b>Work w/o Respirator</b> <b>Use</b> at a <b>HAZWOPER/CERCLA</b> <b>Regulated Sites</b>	Deployed for <b>Field Work</b> <b>w/ Respirator Use,</b> general site work <b>non-</b> <b>HAZWOPER/CERCLA</b> <b>Sites</b>	Deployed for <b>Field Work</b> <b>w/o Respirator Use,</b> general site work, <b>non-</b> <b>HAZWOPER/CERCLA</b> <b>Sites</b>
Medical Requirements	Current Medical Clearance w/ Respirator Clearance			X		X	
	Current Medical Clearance w/o Respirator Clearance				X		X
	Pre/Post-Deployment Medical Screening		X				X*
	Hepatitis A, B**, and Current Tetanus (within 5-10 years) Vaccination or a signed Declination Form		X	X	X	X	X
Health and Safety Training Requirements	<a href="#">24-hour Field Safety Training w/ current 8-hour Refresher</a>		X	X	X	X	X
	40-hour HAZWOPER Training w/ current 8-hour Refresher			X	X		
	Enrolled in a Respirator Protection Program, with Current Fit Test and Respirator Training			X		X	
	Onsite Health and Safety Orientation	X	X	X	X	X	X
Personnel must Deploy with the following Personal Protection Equipment (PPE): Additional PPE may be required			<b>Field Boots***</b>	<b>Field Boots***, Hard Hat, Safety Glasses, Hi-Vis Vest, APR</b>	<b>Field Boots***, Hard Hat, Safety Glasses, Hi-Vis Vest</b>	<b>Field Boots***, Hard Hat, Safety Glasses, Hi-Vis Vest, APR</b>	<b>Field Boots***, Hard Hat, Safety Glasses, Hi-Vis Vest</b>

\* Personnel working in the field, but not completing cleanup, assessment, sampling work, etc. may complete the pre/post medical screening. Check with the Regional SHEMP Manager for guidance.

\*\*Federal Occupational Health added the need for the Hepatitis B Vaccination on 9/8/17.

\*\*\* Minimum 6" Boot with Steel or Composite Safety Toe meeting ASTM F2413-05 or equivalent. Steel insole inserts are highly recommended for all field work.